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SUBJECT: ECONOMIC PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT PROCESS

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1. AID/AA/NE-DESIGNATE, JOSEPH C. WHEELER, MET JUNE 14 WITH
IBRD'S BENJENK. BENJENK WAS DEEPLY DISTURBED ABOUT EVENTS
WHICH APPEAR TO BE TAKING PLACE IN EGYPT. HE CITED RUMORS
THAT KAISSOUNI AND ASSOCIATES MAY BE REMOVED BY SADAT AND
APPARENT FACT (ALSO NOTED REFTEL) THAT MINISTER OF PLANNING
MEGUID EXPECTS TO LEAVE GOVERNMENT IN NEXT FEW WEEKS FOR
UN POSITION. BENJENK SAID THAT HE HAD JUST COME FROM BOARD
CONSIDERATION OF EGYPTIAN PROGRAM LOAN WHICH GAINED WIDE
ACCEPTANCE LARGELY BECAUSE OF BANK'S UNDERSTANDING THERE
WOULD BE CONTINUITY IN ECONOMIC MANAGEMENT. THE REMOVAL OF
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KAISSOUNI AND ASSOCIATED MINISTERS IN CONTEXT OF RAPID
TURNOVER OVER PAST YEAR IN TOP ECONOMIC JOBS WOULD BE
SEVERE SETBACK IN EGYPT'S CAMPAIGN TO PUT ECONOMIC HOUSE IN
ORDER AND TO PRESENT IMAGE TO DONORS WHICH WOULD GIVE
CONFIDENCE. BENJENK WENT ON TO SAY THAT IN HIS OPINION IF
THESE RUMORS TURNED OUT TO BE WITH SUBSTANCE, MACNAMARA
MIGHT WELL WISH TO MAKE A TRIP TO CAIRO WITH THE HOPE OF

FORESTALLING THEIR PROMULGATION.

2. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ASSESSMENT OF THE LIKELIHOOD OF RUMORED CHANGES AND OF THE IMPLICATIONS YOU SEE IF THEY COME TO PASS. WOULD IT BE REASONABLE FOR US OR FOR WORLD BANK TO MAKE FORCEFUL DEMARCHE WITH SADAT TO PREVENT MINISTER OF PLANNING GOING TO UN? IS SITUATION SUFFICIENTLY WORRISOME TO WARRANT EITHER A COMMUNICATION OR VISIT FROM MACNAMARA? CHRISTOPHER

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